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WCTFC to introduce new 'Tobacco-Free, Moms to Be' program

Later this month, Grow Wabash County will host the Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition (WCTFC) as they introduce a new program designed to keep pregnant women away from smoking. The "Lunch and Learn" meeting is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Sept. 28 in the Grow Wabash County conference room, 214 S. Wabash St. This hour-long meeting will provide the needed information to help better understand how the program works. Health care providers and organizations are asked to come to learn more and how to refer their patients and clients to the program. To help prepare how many meals to prepare, RSVPs are required by calling 260-274-2920 or emailing wctcessation@hotmail.com. For more information email, tobaccofreewabash@hotmail.com.

Tastes on the Terrace set for Wednesdays in September at the Honeywell House

From 5 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, the beautiful outdoor Honeywell House terrace at 720 N. Wabash St. will be open for dining. Weekly menus will be available on the Honeywell House Facebook page. In case of rain, indoor seating will be available. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or by calling 260-563-1102.

Manchester Civic Band celebrates a half-century of making music with concerts

The Manchester Civic Band typically holds three concerts per year at the Peabody Retirement Community and Timbercrest Retirement Community. This

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Lagro Township Board will hold special meeting Thursday

Trustee Eric Terrell has moved out of the township and resigned

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A special meeting later this week of the Lagro

Township Board will determine how to fill an immediate vacancy.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Lagro clerk-treasurer Kristie Bone said board member Eric Terrell had moved out of the township.

The special meeting has been set for 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Lagro

Fire Station, 285 Buchanan St., Lagro.

Bone said the meeting will focus on Terrell's resignation, his replacement and "how to move forward from here."

Bone said the meeting will confirm "who the board president is and he will more than likely hire a deputy at that time to help him."

"There will also be a resolution introduced to add the president to the bank account," said Bone. "As of right now, no one can write checks."

Bone said there will also be a caucus at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Lagro Community Building, 230 Buchanan St., "to see who will fill the position

for the rest of Eric's term."

"Anyone interested in running for the caucus needs to see the county clerk to fill out special paperwork," said Bone.

For more information, call 260-782-2451.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

You butter believe 'MasterChef Junior Live!' cooks up a storm



Provided photo

"Master Chef Junior Live!" will be on stage at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater.

The live tour takes the stage at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theatre

By **K.T. MAGNER**
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

The countdown begins. Energy is high and hearts are thumping as the young chefs work hard to get their

dishes done before the timer reaches zero and their hands need to be in the air.

This was something that most people thought they could only watch on TV, but not anymore because "Master Chef Junior Live!" will be on stage at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$65 and may be purchased by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

"There's definitely gonna be a lot of fun, a lot of

fun, crazy, you know, messy challenges," Molly Leighninger, 14, said. "I think they're really gonna enjoy themselves."

It's been three years since Leighninger was one of the contestants on season eight of "Master Chef Junior Live!" and is currently one of the competing chefs on the live tour.

Leighninger has always been part of a culinary family. She was always very influenced by her dad, especially when he entered her

in a cooking competition at the age of five and got third place.

In Leighninger's eyes, she is both a chef and a home cook. To her, home cooks are laid back compared to very precise chefs, but both can get to the point where their dishes turn out delicious and amazing.

"I love cooking on the grill," Leighninger said. "I love cooking hot and fast things. I love cooking with

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Wabash Plain Dealer Editor Rob Burgess wins nine HSPA awards

Freelance Reporter Clay Maxfield also honored with first place for Best Sports Action Photo

STAFF REPORT

The winners of the Hoosier State Press Association (HSPA) 2022 Journalism Awards were announced at a ceremony Friday, Sept. 23 at the Biltwell Event Center in

Indianapolis.

Among those recognized was Wabash Plain Dealer Editor Rob Burgess, who won nine awards.

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter Clay Maxfield was also honored with one award.

The Wabash Plain Dealer competed in Division 1, which includes non-daily publications with a circulation below 1,500. Entries must have been published between Jan. 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

"This is the 54th year for these awards that recognize journalism excellence from newspapers across Indiana," said HSPA executive director Ruth Witmer.

Burgess won first place in both the Best Editorial Page and Best Website categories.

Burgess' first place Best Business or Economic News Coverage entry included three stories about the Imagine One 85 project and its goal to curb local population loss.



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Paxton Baker led Manchester High School with three hits and one RBI during their May 2021 first-round section loss to Whitko High School.

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Keith Gillenwater to speak about Wabash County growth initiatives

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County president Keith Gillenwater will speak about upcoming developments in the county during a special presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St., according to Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital marketing manager Kaitlynn Still.

Gillenwater will discuss the Imagine One 85 project, new developments at the corner of Indiana 13 and Indiana 24, and other happenings within the county. He will also field questions and lead discussions from the audience.

Admission is free, however,



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er, reservations are required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or by calling 260-563-1102.

BRIEF

Boots & Blue Jean Ball to be held at Mississinewa Lake on Saturday, Oct. 8

Are you ready to kick up your heels? Enjoy a fall evening at Mississinewa Lake’s

Boots & Blue Jean Ball from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the beach house, located in Miami State Recreation Area (SRA), 4673 S. 625 E., Peru, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

“Overnight campers and day visitors are invited to at-

tend,” said Rody.

“This outdoor, under the stars, country-themed dance will feature line and square dancing, callers Rich and Carolyn McCoy, and dancers familiar with the steps. All experience levels welcome, fun for the entire family.”

Property entrance fees apply, including \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

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Wednesday Partly Cloudy 63 / 41	Thursday Sunny 66 / 43	Friday Sunny 71 / 48	Saturday Mostly Cloudy 72 / 52	Sunday Partly Cloudy 74 / 51

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:37 a.m.

First 10/2 Full 10/9 Last 10/17 New 10/25

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 63°, humidity of 56%. South southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 41°. North northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 66°, humidity of 53%.

E-Commerce coaching available to Wabash County businesses

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County invites for-profit small businesses in Wabash County to apply for its new E-Commerce coaching program presented in partnership with Cyclone Social, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Parson.

This E-Commerce program will allow for 10 to 12 small businesses in Wabash County to receive high quality instruction and support to help them develop an e-commerce platform to sell their goods and/or services online. These coaching sessions will take place one-on-one between business owners and members of the Cyclone Social team and together they will take a holistic approach to creating and maintaining a successful e-commerce website. Cyclone Social, a digital media agency based in Fort Wayne, has taken the lead on many projects

geared towards giving brick and mortar businesses the tools and knowledge needed to establish a dynamic presence online.

“We have seen small, brick-and-mortar stores turn to e-commerce and absolutely explode with their businesses,” said Cyclone Social founder and CEO Andrew Lamping. “It’s exciting for us to be a part of this program and support so many remarkable businesses in expanding to e-commerce.”

The selected businesses will be able to participate in this program free of charge, though certain ongoing fees (i.e. domains, website upkeep, etc.) to maintain their E-Commerce website will be the responsibility of the business owner.

“One of our main motivations at Grow Wabash County is to help our local business community grow, thrive and ultimately remain competitive in this ever-changing business landscape,” said

Grow Wabash County CEO and president Keith Gillenwater. “Every day, more and more business in being done, at least partially, online, so we are excited to be working with Cyclone Social to help our local small businesses take the success they have as a brick and mortar business and multiply it by building out their virtual business presence.”

Business owners interested in applying to receive E-Commerce coaching from Cyclone Social

are asked to complete the application by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/e-commerceprogram.

In order to qualify for this program, a business must be a for-profit small business that operates in Wabash County.

This program was made possible due in part to a grant awarded to Grow Wabash County by Region 3A with funds from the Economic Development Association.

Recalibrated

By KIRK JOHNSON

Several years ago I was living in Kokomo while serving as a student pastor. While I was there, the minivan of my host family developed an issue with the internal compass. It never pointed in the right direction. We noticed something was up when we were traveling south and it told us that we were going northeast. That doesn’t sound like a huge deal, but a wrong compass can mess you up, especially when traveling in unfamiliar territory.

Thankfully, the manufacturer had a fix for this. The instruction manual of that minivan told us to press a specific combination of buttons in the vehicle to let the computer know we were resetting the compass. Then we needed to drive in tight circles above 20 miles per hour. The centrifugal force of those sharp turns would re-calibrate the compass. When we saw how much fun this could be, we instantly piled into the minivan and drove to a nearby high school with a large and empty parking lot, and for the next 20 minutes, we were doing these crazy circles. It was wild and crazy as we drove around and around, turning that mini-van into an awesome carnival ride.

While that’s a fun story, the reason I share it is that sometimes we’re a lot like that mini-van. Sometimes our internal compass, our mind, needs to be re-calibrated. We

think we’re headed toward what is right, good, and healthy only to find ourselves drifting away from Jesus. We find ourselves snapping at people instead of being patient, frustrated instead of at peace, always angry and bitter instead of joyful. At other times it’s a larger drift because we’ve become distracted or because we’ve begun listening to voices around us that are not always coaching us toward what is best. Our inner compass has a way of getting off true north if we’re not careful and can easily lead us where we don’t want to be.

Thankfully our Manufacturer has a fix for this. He’s even given us an instruction manual, the Bible, that tells us in Romans 12: “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)

God calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. He calls us to let Him re-calibrate our inner compass so that we can truly follow Him. And best of all, no crazy ride in a mini-van or carnival ride is needed. But this is the purpose of weekly worship as we gather togeth-

er with other believers to look to Jesus. And this is the purpose of connecting with smaller groups of Christians to study God’s Word and to pray together. And this is the reason why we’re called to offer ourselves every day to God by investing personal time in His Word, and prayer, and in serving others in love. When we offer ourselves in this way, God’s Holy Spirit draws us back into alignment with His heart, the True North of our lives. He recalibrates us as He transforms us, renewing our minds and centering us on Him and His good purposes for us, for our families, for our community, and our world. This above all is what the people around us need to see: Transformed followers of Jesus who are truly following Him.

Search your heart and life today. Does your inner compass feel a little off? If so, turn to Jesus. Humble yourself and offer yourself again to Him today. Open wide your heart and mind and invite His Holy Spirit to restore, transform, and renew you. Take the steps to move with Him as you gather for worship this weekend, as you connect with a smaller group of Christians to deepen your faith, and as you daily press into Jesus and invest that personal time to know Him. As you do, He will re-calibrate you and get you moving forward with Him again.

Kirk Johnson is the lead pastor of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene.

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Obituaries

Robert ‘Bob’ E. Oldfather

Feb. 7, 1951 – Sept. 7, 2022

Robert “Bob” E. Oldfather, age 71, passed away on Sept. 7, 2022 at his residence near Macy, Indiana, after a decade-long battle with multiple sclerosis.

Robert was born on Feb. 7, 1951 in Rochester, Indiana to Wilfred W. and Ruth E. (Yentes) Oldfather. He graduated in 1969 from Manchester High School, including one year of welding instruction through the Upper Wabash Vocational School. Following graduation, Robert lived for a time in the Netherlands as a participant in the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program.

On Dec. 26, 1981, he married Kathleen “Kathy” Louise Myers in Laketon, Indiana. In 1994, they purchased a farm in Miami County and moved to their current location near Macy.

As an accomplished welder and farmer, Robert owned and operated Oldfather Welding along with operating and maintaining his family farm with his wife and son.

Before relocation to Miami County, Robert served for six years as a volunteer Sheriff Deputy in Wabash County and was a member of the Sheriff’s Underwater Recovery Team. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Pleasant Township Fire Department.

As a young adult, Robert enjoyed motorcycle riding and racing, scuba diving and photography.

He loved maintaining and exploring his parent’s woods, especially during mushroom season. He had a heart for serving his customers, neighbors, and church. Robert learned to work hard with integrity through the example of his parents on their family farm near Laketon, Indiana. As a father, Robert instilled those same qualities in his son, Jeremy, for whom he loved.

Robert attended the Olive Branch Church of God before becoming ill, and was also a valued member of Jubilee Outreach, centered in Mentone, Indiana.

In spite of the toll that chronic disease levied on Robert, near the end of his journey, he re-affirmed his trust in Jesus and his faith that there is no disease, condition or hardship that can get in the way of God fulfilling His promise to complete the good work that He begins in our heart. As if in confirmation, there is a notable message of “7s” found in the dates surrounding



Robert’s birth and passing. Consider this: he was born on Feb. 7 and died on Sept. 7, at the age of 71 years and 7 months old. That is a lot of “7s”! Biblically, the number “7” is used symbolically to convey a state of “perfect” or “complete”. Through God’s grace, Robert endured to the end. Time to move on, for he is now perfect and complete in Jesus!

James 1:2-4 NASB
2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,
3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Surviving Robert is his wife, Kathy Oldfather of Macy, IN; (1) son: Jeremy Oldfather of Brooklyn, NY; (2) brothers: Charles Oldfather (Marilyn) of DeAllend, MX; James (Jan) Oldfather of Victoria, TX; and eight nieces and nephews and extended family.

Preceding Robert in death are his parents; a daughter: Melissa Ann Oldfather; (2) brothers: Neal and Randolph Oldfather.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Robert at Olive Branch Church, Roann, Indiana on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, officiated by Terry Vanlaningham. A meal for the family and friends will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the service following at 2:00 p.m. For those who cannot attend in person, it will be live-streamed on the church’s website: <https://olivebranch.church> A graveside service and burial will follow in the Enterprise Cemetery (formally known as the Olive Branch Cemetery).

Memorial contributions may be made to Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services, Inc. and to the Pleasant Township Fire Dept.

Online condolences may be sent to earllovedfuneralhome.com

Donald Eugene Reahard

Feb. 19, 1935 – Sept. 24, 2022

Donald Eugene Reahard, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, went to be with the Lord peacefully at 6:52 pm, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Wabash. He was born on Feb. 19, 1935, in Lagro, Indiana, to Willard and Pauline (Reahard) Ridenour.

Don was a US Air Force Veteran. He married Virginia Ann Ellis in Wabash on Aug. 23, 1956; she died Feb. 16, 2022. Don owned and operated Reahard Fencing and after retirement, he drove truck for Brown from Wabash and Strauss Veal Feeds. Don was a rural North Manchester resident, and spent the last two years at Wellbrooke of Wabash, where he was loved by many of the staff. He enjoyed special times with his granddaughter and great grandson in the courtyard throughout the summer, enjoying his chocolate shakes. Don was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church in Peru, Indiana. He loved to travel and enjoyed taking his family on yearly vacations. Don also enjoyed old cars, hot rod magazines, guns, and westerns. He was a daily regular at Pizza Hut, meeting friends and family, and was well known by the staff. Don was devoted to praying daily



for his children and grandchildren and enjoyed reading his Bible and books on prophecy. He was a jack of all trades and would drop anything to help family or friends .

He is survived by three children, Diana Stephenson of Kokomo, Indiana, Teresa Sears of Wabash, and Ryan Reahard of Kokomo, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Per Don’s request, there will be no services. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Oakdale Baptist Church.

The memorial guest book for Don may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Vivian Ruth Pugh

Aug. 25, 1930 – Sept. 14, 2022

Vivian Ruth Pugh, 92, of North Manchester passed away surrounded by loving family on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at Timbercrest in North Manchester.

She was born in Phoenix, Illinois on Aug. 25, 1930 to Steven and Ruth Patkus. She married Jack Pugh on July 25, 1948, and raised her children in Gilead, Indiana.

Vivian was a homemaker to her husband and children, and spent much of her time working on the family farm and enjoying farm life. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, from her children when they were young to her great-great grandchildren in more recent years. She loved to watch the birds outside her window and eat out with her family and friends. Vivian was a sweet and talkative woman who could make friends with anyone and left a positive mark on everyone she met. There was not a person she spoke to who will not remember her smile or her kindness, or the way she could turn a bad day to a good one with a conversation. Vivian was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother to many people.

Vivian is survived by her brother, Charles Patkus (Beth), and her four children; her daughter Chris Haecker, North Manchester, Indiana, her son Jack Pugh (Susan),



Wabash, Indiana, her daughter Jean Stavedahl (Rick), Mentone, Indiana, and her son Steve Pugh (Lea), Peru, Indiana. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren.

Vivian is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Pugh, her parents, her two sisters and brother, her son-in-law Bob Hacker, and her great-granddaughter Ari.

Vivian’s celebration of life will take place on Oct. 7th from 5-8pm, at the Congregational Christian Church at 310 N. Walnut, North Manchester, Indiana. All are welcome to come and take part in the remembrance and celebration of Vivian’s life with her cherished loved ones.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

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year will be no different as performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 and Dec. 14. They usually perform on a semi-trailer bed during the North Manchester Fun Fest parade and at Doud’s Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana. The band will also perform at “Light up the Town” on Friday, Dec. 2 at The Firehouse, 108 W. Main St., North Manchester, to celebrate North Manchester’s Second Fridays on Main for December. Practices are open to all and held weekly at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the band room at Manchester High School, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Friends of the NMPL to hold fall book sale

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will hold their fall book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1 at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or visit nman.lib.in.us.

Salamonie Lake’s Senior Monday Luncheon is set for Oct. 3

The monthly Senior Monday Luncheon will be held at noon Oct. 3, at Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Nikki LeCrone, Summit Lake property manager, will be discussing prescribed fires as a crucial resource management tool within Indiana State Parks, being restorative and essential for Indiana ecosystems. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage, and their table service. The main dish, cheesy ham and potato casserole, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

City plans fall cleanup dates for October

This year’s dates have been planned from Monday, Oct. 3 to Saturday, Oct. 8. All items should be curbside by 6 a.m. on the day of residents’ weekly trash route. Piles are to be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet. A dumpster will be located from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday behind the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD), 1101 Manchester Ave., for residents

not wanting to place items on the curbside. Proof of city residence will be required. The following items will not be accepted for curbside disposal by the Wabash Street Department: Batteries, paint, petroleum products, chemical, televisions, computers, and other electronic devices, tires, appliances with freon, loose shingles, drywall and plaster. All items these items except loose shingles, drywall, and plaster should be dropped off at the WCSWMD without a fee. The district does not accept trash. Trash is to be taken directly to the dumpster located behind the district operated by the Wabash Street Department. The Wabash Street Department will try to stay on schedule, due to weather or heavy volume they may run behind. If this happens, please be patient and your items will be picked up. This fall cleanup is not the WCSWMD’s “Tox-A-Way Day,” which will be announced at a later time.

Manchester University announces the fall Value, Ideas and the Arts series

Manchester University offers more than a dozen programs in its Value, Ideas the Arts (VIA) series for Fall 2022. Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. Oct. 3, You Yes You! Project Founder and Executive Director Ericka Sanders will discuss her nonprofit organization designed to encourage incarcerated men to stay connected to their children. Oct. 10, a panel of Manchester seniors in “What I Would Tell My First-Year Self?” will reflect on their college experience. Oct. 24 is the second part of the Sustainable Development Goal Series. Oct. 31 is “Astrobiology, Theology and the Future of Faith” with Biblical scholar William Brown. Nov. 7 is “We Feel, Therefore We Learn” by Manchester faculty member Tim McKenna-Buchanan, who will share his journey of becoming a foster and adoptive parent and trauma-informed professor. The play, “We Own This Now,” is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Cordier. Nov. 14, Kimberly Kelly, associate professor of sociology and director of gender studies at Mississippi State University, will speak about “After Roe v. Wade: What Mississippi Means for America.” Nov. 28, Denise Kettering-Lane, associate professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, will speak about the Church of the Brethren tradition at Manchester. Dec. 5 features a student forum on “Building a Campus Food Security and Biodiversity Action Plan,” where students in the Principles of Biology class will present a vision for improving food security and biodiversity on the North Manchester campus. Check <https://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA> for additional programs or to see if a particular program will be live-streamed, which is usually finalized within a week of a program.

MSD plans proposed new high school referendum informational meetings

MSD has scheduled several informational meetings on the referendum including at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School; and 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School. For more information, call 260-563-8050 or visit msdwc.org/referendum or msdwc.org/connect.

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proteins, specifically burgers. I love burgers. But I would say I’m also very relaxed about my cooking and you know, like, if I get a good idea in the moment, I’ll incorporate it in the moment. I don’t really plan ahead as much as some other chefs might.”

Leighninger loves working with barbecue flavors as well as smoky seasonings right off the grill and plans on taking over her dad’s restaurant when she gets older.

The first dish that Leighninger ever made was the Molly Burger which is made with wagyu beef – a Japanese beef cattle breed – and a secret sauce.

“It’s got a lot more mar-

bling, a lot more flavor and I actually put butter into the burger as well. And I also have my secret sauce, but I can’t tell you. It’s secret,” said said.

Even though her father inspired her to cook, Leighninger’s culinary role model is Bobby Flay, the owner and executive chef of several grill restaurants and has been the host of several Food Network shows. She loves his dishes, his cooking style, and how funny and laid-back he is. She draws her cooking inspiration from him.

“A lot of people approach (cooking) very like, you know, ‘one, two, three, like, get straight to the point,’” Leighninger said. “But, what I love about cooking, what makes it so fun for me, is that I can just incorporate anything in the moment. And

if I get a great idea, I would just incorporate it, you know, right then and there. I know what goes well together.”

In the past three years since being on the show, Leighninger’s thoughts and outlooks have changed regarding how she cooks. She would be the first to admit that, on the show, she was not the most organized person, but now she’s begun to structure herself. She said she’s a lot more put together and she cooks with a lot less stress.

Leighninger said the part she is most excited about is being able to work with the friends that she made on the show.

“I love seeing everyone again,” Leighninger said. “The people that I met on that show I have lifelong bonds with, so we already

have a very strong connection and it’s fun getting to know them now and, you know, seeing what they’ve done in the three years that I haven’t seen them.”

Leighninger hasn’t been to Wabash before, but she is excited to get to know the people there.

She said she’s looking forward to the mystery box challenges because it gives her the chance to cook ingredients that she’s never cooked before.

“MasterChef Junior Live!” is going to bring high-energy cooking right to the Ford Theatre stage at the Honeywell Center, so hold onto your chef hat and get ready for some exciting cooking that will make your senses come alive.

K.T. Magner is a graduate of Anderson University.

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Nameplates purchased before Friday, Sept. 30 will be installed for Veterans Day.

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County at 221 S. Miami St. “The nameplates cost \$100 each which helps cover the expense of the installation of the hero memorial and its upkeep for the future,” said Bishop. Nameplates purchased before Friday, Sept. 30 will be installed for Veterans Day. A formal Veterans Day Memorial Service will be hosted by the Wabash County Veterans Affairs office on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Wabash County Courthouse. Nameplates purchased after Friday, Sept. 30 will be installed in spring 2023, in time for Memorial Day. “The Wabash County Hero Memorial is an amazing way to honor those who have served our country, county, and community,” said Bishop. “It’s a brilliant way to honor our heroes on a locally fabricated installation that is beautifully designed and really stands out as a piece of public art.” The permanent memorial site includes three 7-foot stainless steel obelisks with decorative caps and a dedication plaque. Each pillar was fabricated locally by Schlemmer Brothers Metal Works and can display a total of 756 names. In addition to the hero nameplates, decorative stars and quotes highlighting patriotic service have been incorporated into the design. After “several months of

shipping delays” the Wabash County Hero Memorial dedication plaque was installed this summer, said Visit Wabash County executive director Christine Flohr. Flohr said the stone base was donated by Wabash-Kokomo Monument and Vault and installed on Thursday, July 14, along with a brass dedication plaque. “Let this memorial forever recognize citizens of Wabash and Wabash County who selflessly dedicated themselves to service for the greater good of their fellow man, community, county, country, and world,” states the words written by Mayor Scott Long, which are featured on the plaque. The three stainless steel obelisks were permanently installed by the Wabash City Street Department on Oct. 18, 2021, and initially showcased over 500 military, police and fire “heroes” from Wabash County. The memorial project was created after the hero banner campaign ended in September 2021. In September 2019, Visit Wabash County, along with the city, announced the Hometown Hero Banners had been installed and were hanging downtown. The banners were hung alphabetically by the last name starting at the new archway on Wabash Street. This series honored Wabash County veterans who have served or are currently serving in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force

and Coast Guard. Members of the fire, police and sheriff’s departments were represented, as well. Out of the 160 lampposts located in downtown Wabash, 134 were initially adorned with Hometown Hero banners, while the remaining 26 hold decorative City Seal and “Mayor Long Welcome” banners that serve as placeholders for Christmas decorations, so no Hometown Hero banners have to come down during the holiday season. They hung in downtown Wabash for two years and were returned to the purchaser last fall. The Wabash County Hero Memorial project was the recipient of matching funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs’ (OCRA) PEER Community program. Each pillar can display the names of 252 “heroes.” In addition to the names, decorative stars and quotes highlighting the patriotic service of the numerous men and women who have sacrificed for the greater good have been incorporated into the design. The Wabash County Hero Memorial was officially dedicated on Nov. 11, 2021, with remarks from Long and Pastor Bruce Hostetler. For more information, call 260-563-7171 or email at tourism@visitwabashcounty.com. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedeal.com.

SONGWRITERS

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Johnson at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Eagles Theatre. “The three have written hits for Tim McGraw, Kelly Clarkson, Reba, Kenny Chesney, Peter Frampton, Ty Herndon, Miranda Lambert, Chely Wright and more,” said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital marketing director Kaitlynn Still. “Their songwriting credits include the hits ‘Life’s a Dance,’ ‘I Think About You,’ ‘Grown Men Don’t Cry,’ ‘Single White Female’ and ‘The Blade,’ a new release by Ronnie Dunn.” Most seats are \$5 and \$12, with limited premium seating available for \$20. Tickets are available by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 800-514-1102. In addition, Seskin will host a songwriting workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Sweetwater Sound, 5501 Highway 30, Fort Wayne. Tickets are \$150 and may be purchased by calling 800-514-3849. In a recent phone interview, Seskin and Floyd both said they were also influenced by several singer-songwriters growing up. “I grew up listening to initially a lot of the folk groups like Peter, Paul and Mary, the Weavers and Pete Seeger. Then, very soon after, the singer-songwriters of the late ’60s. Everybody from Phil Ochs to James Taylor to Simon and Garfunkel and then Jackson Browne, Joni Mitchell and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young,” said Seskin. “That whole era where singer-songwriter music was on the radio. Music was somewhat for entertainment but it was also to make you think a little bit and move you. That’s the era I came out of. I’m really glad that I had that backbone to go on.” But, Seskin said, that wasn’t all he listened to when he was learning his craft. “At the same time, I would say for fun I listened to the Beatles, the Rolling Stones. I got an education in the difference between, ‘I Want to Hold Your Hand’ and ‘I am a rock, I am an island,’” said

Seskin. “There was a very different kind of vibe to different kinds of music. It was all good. I don’t think music has to be one thing or the other. As a writer I’ve always idolized more in the make you think, cry, laugh, move you in some way. “And Steely Dan. Let’s not forget. Endless hours of Steely Dan.” Floyd said one of her earliest songwriting heroes was Dean Dillon, the writer behind many of George Strait’s iconic hits. “He uses a huge amount of emotion and attention to detail but there’s also a universal quality to his songs. It made me want to research who is writing these songs but it was always Dean Dillon every time I looked up a song I loved,” said Floyd. “A lot of them were artist songwriters like James Taylor, Bonnie Raitt, Mariah Carey and another big one that I discovered a little bit later but that was a huge influence on me was Lori McKenna.” Seskin said he enjoys his career as a songwriter much more than he did when he was mainly a performer. “I love singing. I really do. I don’t love everything about what one has to do to be an artist. That has a lot attached to it. I’m not sure I ever did. I was an artist for many, many years and I never enjoyed the touring part of it and the this and the that,” said Seskin. “When I started going to Nashville in 1985, by the time 1992 came and I’d had a little success as a writer, the easiest way to put it, I went from being a singer-songwriter to being a songwriter-singer. Songwriting became the first of the two. I was just as happy to be locked up in a little room, not literally, making stuff up for other people to sing as I was to get out on stage and perform it.” On the other hand, Floyd has been a performer since a very young age and said she had only arrived at songwriting later on. “I started out as an artist. I didn’t really know I was a songwriter. I was told I was. I was kind of christened one when I got a record deal when I was 11 years old. Because of that journey, I

got put in a room with incredible, prolific songwriters here in Nashville as a child. I had never written a song as a child professionally,” said Floyd. “Once I got put in those rooms I did my best to contribute to the song as best I could. After my very first professional co-write when I was a child, those two writers came out of the room and told my mom, ‘By the way, she knows how to do this naturally.’ We both were dumbfounded. We didn’t even know what that meant. We didn’t know what a songwriter’s job looked like or how you would even become that. When I was told that I knew how to do it and that was part of me naturally I started paying attention to it and I started to develop it.” Floyd said she moved to Nashville to be an artist, and still considers that her main profession. “I certainly have the heart of a songwriter, but my first love is performing live. The next best thing to that is performing live singing the songs I have written. I didn’t understand how much deeper my artistry could go until I started singing songs that I wrote,” said Floyd. “Along the way I certainly was trying to write songs that I could perform and little by little I was very fortunate to have those songs recorded by artists I’ve loved and respected for my whole life. I’ve had a very interesting path where my songs have kind of led the way and have opened the doors for my artistry. That’s still kind of what’s happening now which is a really special thing to have happen. Anytime someone wants to listen to your voice or your stories, it’s a gift. I’m happy with however it turns out in the end, but I am an artist first.” Floyd said being a performer first gave her insight and intuition in the room when she was with another artist. “I can put myself in both shoes,” said Floyd. “I feel like it’s given me an understanding into an artist’s brain and to kind of help them say what they want to say.” Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedeal.com.

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AWARDS

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Burgess’ first place Best Short Feature Story entry was, “A Bible, a photo and a flag,” which was about the aftermath of the fire which destroyed Sherry Swinger’s home.

Burgess’ second place Best Headline Writing entry was, “Library renovation, expansion remain ‘overdue’ after rejection.” Burgess’ third place entry in this category was, “Woman’ Clubhouse buzzes with excitement.”

Burgess’ second place Best General News Photo was, “Making every drop count,” which featured Mayor Scott Long receiving the city’s first COVID-19 vaccination.

Burgess’ third place Best Portrait entry was, “Summer fun at the libraries,” which featured a child making their way down a Slip ‘N Slide in front of the North Manchester Public Library.

Burgess’ third place Best Profile Feature entry was, “Welcome to Alice Cooper’s nightmare.”

Maxfield’s first place Best Sports Action Photo entry was, “Manchester comeback not enough,” which featured Manchester High School varsity softball player Paxton Baker sliding into home base during last year’s first-round sectional loss to Whitko High School.

Maxfield has been contributing local sports stories and photos to the Wabash Plain Dealer since March 2021.

Burgess has been Wabash Plain Dealer editor since June 2019 and has won a total of 19 awards during that time.

The Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) announced the winners of their 2021 Best in Indiana Journalism Contest at a ceremony in April. Among those recognized was Burgess, who won awards in two separate categories for publications with circulation below 30,000.

Burgess’ second place Best Education Reporting entry included five stories. The

first two were about the local Literacy for Companionship program, which pairs emerging readers with dogs and cats in need of a home. The third was about Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman teaching 9/11 to her fifth-graders 20 years later, including the acrostic poems her students wrote as a part of the assignment and the Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 12, 2001 front pages of the Wabash Plain Dealer, which published with the assistance of Wabash Carnegie Public Library executive director Ware Wimberly. The fourth was about Sharp Creek Elementary School K-Club members showing appreciation to local veterans on Veterans Day. The fifth was about the results of the second year of Operation Reach Out.

Burgess’ third place Best Personality Profile entry, “Much more than just the best bartender,” was about 2021 Best of Wabash County winner Teizo Fox.

This is the third year in a row Burgess has been honored at the SPJ contest.

The Best in Indiana Journalism contest is Indiana’s only open journalism contest. This was the 43rd year that journalists from around the state competed in dozens of print, broadcast and online categories. Entries were published during 2021 and were judged by members of the Arkansas Professional, Colorado Professional and Utah Headliners chapters. Both the 2019 and 2020 awards were announced online instead of being delivered in person. This year’s ceremony was held at the 502 East Event Centre in Carmel.

In June 2021, Burgess won awards in three separate categories in the 2020 SPJ contest. Burgess’ second place entry in the Personality Profile category was a story about local DivorceCare group leader Janet Quillen. Burgess’ third place entry in the Criminal Justice Reporting category included two stories about overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail, two stories about the murder of Nakota “Fergie”



Howie Guja, of the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol, left, surprises Charity Lane at her door with a “big check” for \$50,000.



Mayor Scott Long receives the first COVID-19 vaccine at the Wabash County Museum clinic on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021.



The North Manchester Public Library Pool Party brought in 156 patrons.

Kelly and a story about the opening of the baby box at Wabash Fire Station 1. Burgess’ third place entry in the Environmental Reporting category included a story about 120 years of history at John Hartsough’s family farm in North Manchester; and stories about Teen Indiana Master Naturalists, Salamonie Preschool, a monarch butterfly Senior Luncheon presentation and women landowners, all meeting at Salamonie Lake. And in May 2020, Burgess also won third place for Arts and Entertain-

ment Writing at the 2019 SPJ contest, which included five stories published in 2019. These stories included interviews with Amy Grant, David Crosby, Buck Trent of “Hee Haw,” Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys and Patrick Myers of Killer Queen before their respective performances at the Honeywell Center.

In addition to the SPJ awards, in July 2021, Burgess was also honored in four separate categories at the HSPA 53rd annual Better Newspaper Contest for

2021 in Division 1. Burgess’ first place entry in the Best Business or Economic News Coverage category included three stories on Wabash County family farms, including one about Bowman Family Farms during the 2019 Purdue University Indiana Farm Management Tour, one about 120 years of agricultural history on John Hartsough’s family farm in North Manchester and one about local farmers assisting Dean Stouffer to harvest his fields after he fell ill with COVID-19. Burgess’ second

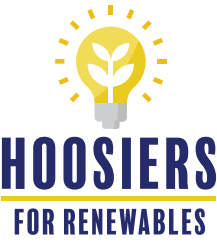
place entry in the Headline Writing category included “‘The Bible Memory Man’ cometh,” “Family Video in Wabash checking out” and “Fowl at the fair.” Burgess’ third place entry in the Best Profile Feature category was a story about David Crosby before his performance at the Honeywell Center. Burgess’ third-place entry in the Best Feature Photo category was for “Bringing out the ‘big check,’” which showed Charity Lane being surprised with \$50,000 from Publishers Clearing House.

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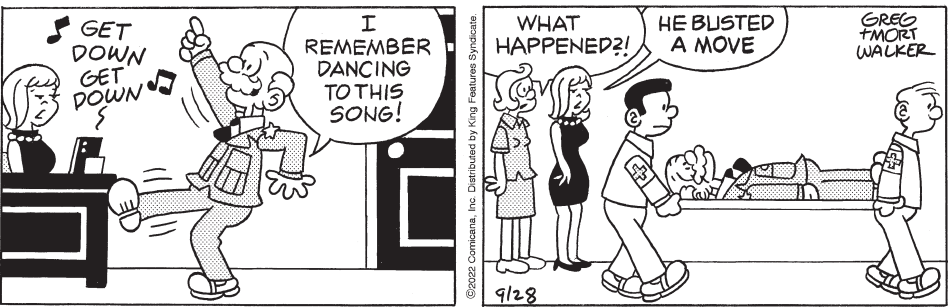
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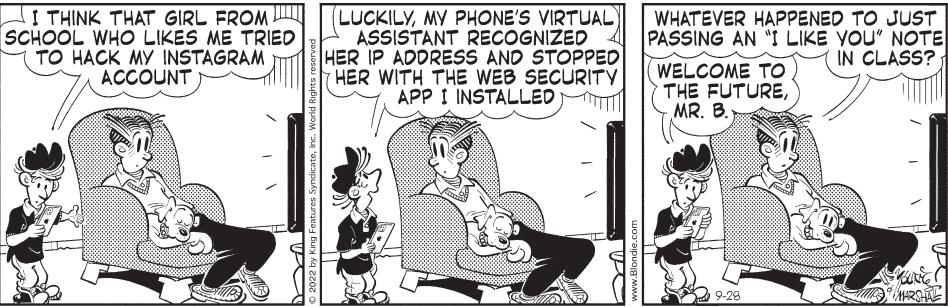
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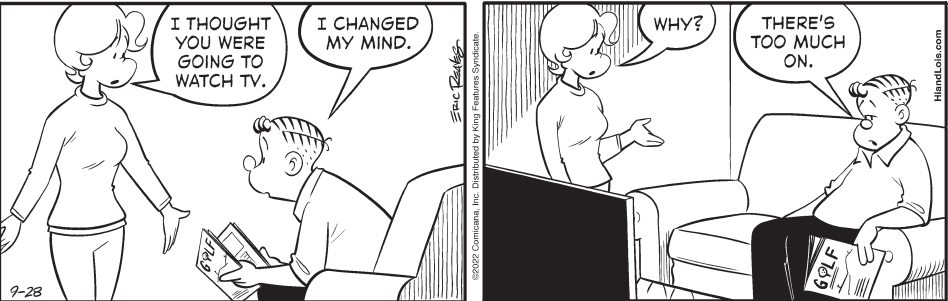
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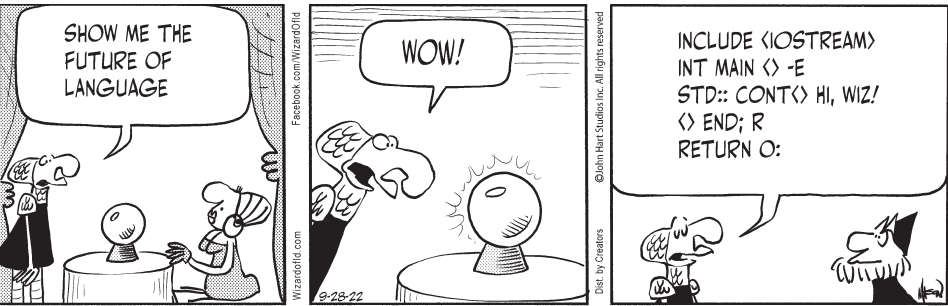
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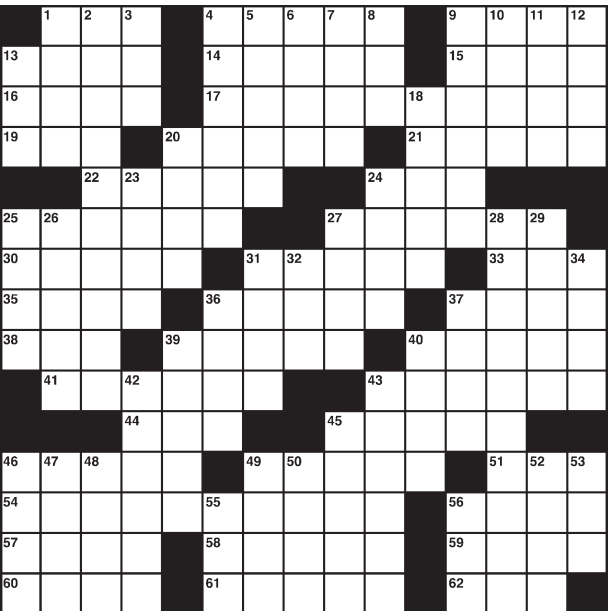
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- 16 Has lunch
- 17 Embarrassed
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- 20 Injections
- 21 ____ up; speaks frankly
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- 24 "Diamonds ____ Forever"; 007 film
- 25 Ridiculous
- 27 Misbehaves
- 30 Weather forecast
- 31 Sailing dangers
- 33 "You're the boss of me!"
- 35 Potter's material
- 36 ____ down; loses weight
- 37 Critical; dreadful
- 38 "____ So Shy"; Pointer Sisters song
- 39 Stable newborns
- 40 Refuge
- 41 Abandon
- 43 Hate
- 44 Part of summer: abbr.
- 45 Less vivid in color
- 46 Blacksmith's block
- 49 Thyroid or pituitary
- 51 Resort offering
- 54 Rowdy
- 56 Brief life sketches
- 57 Sugar plant
- 58 Dogie catcher
- 59 "____ Wonderful Life"
- 25 Gateway ____: St. Louis monument
- 26 Hay bundles
- 27 Charitable donation
- 28 Columbia or Cornell
- 29 ____ over; reads intently
- 31 Pleased
- 32 Feel poorly
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- 1 Unfair slant
- 2 Passionate fan
- 3 Begley & his dad
- 4 Did laundry



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- 55 Samuel's mentor
- 56 eBay offer

Young adult should not retire, but relocate

DEAR AMY: I'm 32 years old.

For a multitude of reasons, my personal growth was stunted after high school, and it took me twice as long to finish college than planned.

In that time, circumstances (like the pandemic), led to my parents' premature retirement and prompt move to The Villages, Florida, from northern New Jersey.

Amy Dickinson
Ask Amy



Having not gotten my career off the ground, I was forced to leave with them. Shortly after, I was able to find a job I can perform remotely, and I'm getting paid well.

In the two years since, I've grown used to spending most of my time isolated, since there's a sense that there's not much a person my age can do in the country's biggest retirement community.

I'd like to move out, but the inability to form any real relationships with peers is starting to wear me down, and with the economy in the state that it's in, I don't know if my plans will remain viable.

To be frank, I never went out of my way to make any real relationships back home, either. My friendships were only made at work, and now I'm starting to feel that regret.

The only work contact I have now is with my boss, and the only other person I know locally is my personal trainer at the gym.

I feel like I'm grasping at straws, and I need advice about how to prevent myself from losing any social instincts I might still have. —

Early Retirement

DEAR EARLY: My advice? Get thee out of The Villages, stat.

I looked at extensive demographic data published by worldpopulationreview.com.

According to this source, in 2022 this famous community in Florida has a little over 84,000 residents.

The median age is 73 years old.

A person your age could develop friendships and have a meaningful life in this community — but it is not working out for you.

Given that you are working remotely and have likely saved money by living with your folks, I suggest that you spend the next few months researching communities that might be a better fit for you.

I'd put in a bid for college towns, which tend to offer lively cultural events and volunteer opportunities. If you are willing to move back north, Philadelphia is a great city for people your age.

Moving will not magically solve your social isolation, but it's a start. It's also a brave and positive choice to make. Once you arrive, you will have to continue to bravely step out into the world — joining a gym or clubs, volunteering, and (ideally) finding fulfilling work that you can enjoy in-person.

DEAR AMY: My younger sister and I have a rocky relationship. She and our dad are currently feuding and because I didn't side with her at our grandma's funeral, she has cut me from her life. It doesn't bother me, but my 13-year-old daughter has only one cousin — my sister's toddler.

We live far away from my

sister, but are planning to visit other relatives in her town soon. I really don't want to let my sister know that we will be in town, but because of my daughter wanting to see her cousin, I feel like I should.

What do you think? — Dysfunctional Family in Iowa

DEAR IOWA: If your daughter wants to connect with her toddler cousin, then you would be setting a good example for her by reaching out to your sister.

Your sister is also likely to hear about your local visit through other family members, and so if you contact her using a neutral tone, she can then decide how to respond. Try: "Hi, I'm letting you know that Tiff and I are planning to visit the Murray cousins next month. She is eager to see her little cousin, so let me know if that would be possible."

If your sister is determined to continue this feud, she will do so. This is truly a case where you might be "damned if you do, damned if you don't."

Brace yourself and carry on. **DEAR AMY:** Often, you offer advice on how to handle a family member's excessive drinking.

As someone who enjoys playing sports, I've had teaching pros tell me what to do to improve. However, for me and others the best way to learn is to see our mistakes on video.

Would it be helpful if family members took video of their drunk relatives and showed them the evidence? — Coached

DEAR COACHED: Many readers have suggested this, and yes — video evidence could be a wake-up call.

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 2022

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Loved ones might be elusive and hard to pin down. Avoid misunderstandings at work by concentrating on your job, staying in your lane and steering clear of financial schemes. Speak softly and show consideration for others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When you do the right thing, you don't have to worry about the optics later. Don't break up the monotony by doing something original but upsetting. People are most interested in results, not excuses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The more positive you are that you're right, the more likely you are wrong. Your seemingly best decision might be the worst, so it is wise to wait a few more days taking irrevocable steps. Focus on getting daily tasks completed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Discussions and brainstorming sessions should be postponed until the timing is better. It may be difficult to bring your thoughts out into the open or to be frank with other people. Focus on living up to your ideals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An evolving technological landscape can alter your views. A proposed business project may face opposition or lack the necessary cooperation. Avoid turning it into a dispute since you can likely achieve a compromise next week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your financial situation may not be clear. Don't give in to a temptation or use a card to buy something that might not live up to its advertising. The more money you have the more you think you can spend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Avoid getting caught up in some social fad or pursuing an unrealistic goal. Familiar people and things may evade your understanding so you should think twice before taking further steps. Do not give in to unfounded worries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can be more receptive to people's moods right now. However, since people do not always say what they really mean, it can sometimes still be challenging to understand them. Dig down to decipher the facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Spend more time sorting truth from fiction. You may be briefly fascinated by mysteries or engrossed in glamorous fantasies — take notes to use later. Remember to pay your bills on time and balance the budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The facts usually speak for themselves. You can see through someone's attempt to put a favorable spin on an unpleasant or deceptive situation. Steer clear of gossip and be sure to honor all your obligations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Getting organized is an important strategy for inner clarity; your mind reflects your world and vice versa. Regular tidying up and maintenance keeps things running smoothly and avoids unpleasant surprises.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Embrace your authentic self. It never works, and often backfires, when you try to make a false impression that you cannot sustain. Your questions should be best answered by tuning in to your own inner wisdom.

Opinion

Members of Congress shouldn't play the market

If ever there was a time to try to restore trust in government, this is it.

And there's no better place to start than in the halls of Congress – where members are privy to a wealth of valuable information long before the public. Think of the run-up to the pandemic, government purchases of pharmaceuticals, and new Defense Department contracts, to name just a few possibilities.

Now at last House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has pledged to bring a compromise bill to the floor aimed at preventing members of Congress – and their close family members – from trading in individual stocks while in office. The bill, being crafted from a number of proposals that have surfaced during the year, could also extend the stock trade ban to include high-ranking congressional staffers, who, after all, are also privy to that same level of insider information.

Pelosi's commitment to House action on the bill before the month is up comes in the wake of a New York Times report that found at least 97 members of Congress or their close family members (usually spouses) traded in stocks or commodities closely linked to the lawmakers' committee assignments. So close, in fact, that they risked a conflict of interest.

Now, actual insider trading is prohibited by the 2012 STOCK (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge) Act, which was supposed to prohibit members

and employees of Congress from using "any nonpublic information derived from the individual's position ... or gained from performance of the individual's duties, for personal benefit."

But proving that has been a tricky bit of business.

Under the disclosure provisions of that earlier law, we know that Senator Richard Burr, then chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, prior to the pandemic truly hitting the United States, dumped as much as \$1.7 million in stock before the market took a colossal hit. The North Carolina Republican privately told a group of constituents meeting in Washington on Feb. 13, 2020, that the coming health threat "is more aggressive in its transmission than anything that we have seen in recent history."

A Justice Department investigation cleared him of insider trading charges in January of 2021.

The Times report found two members of the Massachusetts delegation among those trading stocks with potential conflicts. The husband of Representative Katherine Clark, the fourth-highest ranking Democrat in the House, the Times reported, has made a number of stock trades involving health care companies, including two purchases of Hologic stock in late 2020 about one week before the company was awarded a \$119 million COVID-19 testing contract with the Departments of Health and Human Services

and Defense. The shares were sold several days after the contract was announced. Clark's office said neither she nor her husband direct trades in their retirement accounts – and that she favors a congressional ban.

Representative Bill Keating, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, reported trading between \$22,000 and \$155,000 in stocks and bonds in companies that contract with the military. Keating says the picks were made by an investment firm and that he too is supportive of a stock trading ban.

The shape of the actual legislation is still a work in progress – currently the subject of a negotiation headed by House Administration Committee Chair Zoe Lofgren of California.

But an earlier bipartisan framework sets the stage for the stock trading ban and provisions for lawmakers to either divest or put their holdings in a blind trust. It would permit those covered to "Diversify such investments by placing them in widely held, diversified mutual or exchange-traded funds, or US Treasury bills, notes, or bonds."

It also calls for better enforcement mechanisms and "penalties that are sufficient to ensure member compliance."

"With members of Congress from both parties flouting basic financial conflict of interest laws, and appearing to personally profit off their positions of public trust, Americans are understandably questioning whether their government works

on their behalf," Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington wrote in a letter to lawmakers last week urging passage of something resembling the "framework" proposal.

The House has clearly gotten the message. The Senate, however, is working at a rather more leisurely pace. Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon, a proponent of a stock trading ban, said last week he didn't expect any action until after the midterm elections. Senator Elizabeth Warren, who filed a stock trade ban bill last February along with Republican colleagues Steve Daines of Montana and Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee told the Globe editorial board she is still on the hunt for additional GOP supporters.

"Every day that we delay on passing meaningful restrictions on stock trading among members of Congress is a day that further erodes the credibility of this body," she told Business Insider.

Public confidence in Congress – always a cellar-dweller in Gallup Polls – hit a new low this summer, dropping from its already abysmal 12 percent in 2021 to 7 percent this year.

Whether members of Congress are guilty of real conflicts or perceived ones is almost beside the point. The issue has become one of restoring public trust in a branch of government that desperately needs to face up to its own demons and emerge from the Washington swamp.

This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.

The election and our democracy

By **PATRICIA SCHROEDER**

This political season listening is power. While a lot is at stake in these 2022 midterm elections – control of the House and Senate and dozens of governorships – add another to your list – preserving the nation.

Over 160 years ago, President Lincoln on his way to his 1861 Inauguration, appealed to the American people to, "constantly bear in mind that with YOU, and not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office-seekers, but with YOU, is the question Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generations?"

It's time we put our whole selves into remembering Lincoln's words and set to the task of preserving the nation. Stop wringing our hands and roll up our sleeves, this is serious.

I was elected to Congress in the wake of Watergate. That assault on Democracy by Richard Nixon and his henchmen looks like a Middle School lunchroom fight compared to what we are now living through.

Back then, there were many tensions around impeaching a President who won 49 of the 50 states. The Vietnam war had divided many friends, families and ultimately the country. There were demonstrations, the Weather Underground, civil rights marches and violent backlash. Still, we all tried to talk to each other and get through it. Even with deep divisions and violence, there was an impulse for debate, even when it was heated. The institutions of our democracy were the places where arguments took place. And really, isn't "argument" what engages minds and causes change? Differences worked for us, or rather we found a way to make them work for us. Our basic instinct for curiosity about the other led to conflict, but the conflicts were functional, rooted in an impulse to find solutions, to reach for common ground. Now hate and humiliation seems to rule. Many have asked "what binds us together?"

Invoking appeals to unity require work and opening our minds. Argument, protest and organizing on behalf of one's beliefs and political demands were – and are – the currency of a vibrant democracy.

When I ran for Congress in 1972, political polling was not the driving force it is in politics today. In fact, in my 24 years in office, polls never dictated my campaigns or how I served the people of Denver, Colorado. Binary thinking, that is yes or no, right direction/wrong direction, for or against thinking that polls measure began to squeeze out the free exchange of competing ideas. Ideas, the heart of democracy, had to take a back seat to temperature taking.

Our public and political life became more about generating blame for problems than working together for solutions. There are no more competing ideas but more competing narratives about blame. "Messaging" has replaced problem-solving and action for common sense solutions.

We live in permanent campaign mode, fueled by division and wedge issues. Heated debate and argument are quite different than the politics of rage, anger, grievance and humiliation that dominate our politics today.

I was in Congress when Newt Gingrich became Speaker of the House and turned up the volume on this scorched earth politics. Newt believed they should not debate on the issues but rather hurl names at the other person, labeling them as radical or worse. He worked with pollsters like Frank Luntz to create a hostile vocabulary to hurl at other members across the aisle. I would often ask the parliamentarian if I had to refer to the gentleman as a gentleman if he wasn't acting as one. The name calling is the symbol of a politics that seeks to assign blame, inflame and anger the base and hope it leads to voter turnout. Defining problems and debating solutions are non-existent.

We have come to the point where thought itself, much less common sense, is reserved for an increasingly small part of the electorate. This politics and its "leaders" include the political class and the elected officials and the national media who follows them with their sportscasting approach that focuses on what they think the strategy or thinking might be about an issue, rather than the relevant facts and choices to consider.

We have two ears and one mouth and yet we talk way more than we listen. No wonder we can't hear our common humanity. Can we learn to listen more, think again and use our curiosity, our desire to solve problems to protect our families and our communities and preserve "the liberties of this country"? I am up for meeting Lincoln's challenge, are you?

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



Churches are ignoring Bible's main message

Our current thinking about the Bible is framed by the extensive amount of God talk in its pages. But we must understand that God talk was characteristic of all ancient nations and virtually all ancient documents. This was so even when the subject matter being discussed was highly secular stuff, such as deeds for property, punishment for crimes, or alliance treaties among nations. Ancient people attributed everything they understood and everything they didn't understand to the gods of nature in heaven.

Most see the Old Testament as a story about religion, and even more specifically, about denominational church doctrine. There certainly are a lot of mentions of God, faith, and commandments in this scripture.

One of the very first stories in the Bible appears to be a really obvious story about church worship. This is the story of Cain and Abel. This story is about their sacrifices and their separate ways of worship. One way turns out to be acceptable to God, the other not.

Ancient folks reading this story would see in it a much broader focus. The story about the divergent sacrifices of Cain and Abel is really a story about proper government and proper economics.

We can understand Cain and Abel better if we fast forward to the story of another pair of competing brothers, Jacob and Esau. They quarrel over two things: birthright, and blessing.

Robert Kimball Shinkoskey



world, something called "primogeniture," and the usual form of succession in tribal leadership, essentially nomination or selection of the new leader by the outgoing leader. These methods of determining politics and economics are characteristic of monarchy, or autocracy.

In both the Cain/Abel, Jacob/Esau stories, and others too, the eldest son is traditionally supposed to inherit the main part of the wealth and also ongoing leadership in the family or tribal line. But God instead substitutes the idea that a younger son who is either more righteous or more competent than the older son must participate at least equally with the older brother, or perhaps even more fully in these fruits of ongoing power. There is evidence that God enfranchises women equally with men in this process as well. God throws his support to a more equal distribution of wealth in society and a more local, more democratic distribution of political power than can be found in the monarchy.

This political pattern in Israel

results from the fact that nations generally embraced either a god of monarchy, or a god of democracy, and some had both. Israel chose democracy at the time of the Exodus from Egypt and tried to keep the gods of monarchy out. Their God was not like the war gods of Egypt and was devoted instead to healing rather than destroying.

Jesus fits neatly into the theo-political categories used all over the ancient world to deal with semi-divine kinds of persons. He is just as special as we have always thought, though not quite as unique. The "son of God" type that Jesus represents was a title either bestowed on kings by members of their dynasty (as in Egypt), or earned, often by democratic process, as with Romulus in Rome.

Also, Jesus was not the only son of God elevated to full godhood after his death. This happened with especially just and humane healing personalities in the ancient world, such as Asclepius in Greece, Imhotep in Egypt, and Dhanvantari in India.

Finally, in societies where a "son of God" experiences a problematic death, the society often embraces the teaching of a second coming, such as came to be expected of Elijah in Israel, one of the early Islamic Imams in Arabia, and, of course, Jesus in Judea.

Robert Kimball Shinkoskey is a historian of religion and democracy. He is the author of "Democracy and the Ten Commandments," Wipf and Stock, 2016.



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1028 Hearing - The 1028 Hearing will be with respect to the School Corporation's proposal to construct the following improvements in the School Corporation, which are at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000: construction of general improvements to the school buildings of the School Corporation including but not limited to classrooms, HVAC, parking, transportation, security, athletic facilities, art facilities, roofs, lighting, fire protection, technology, furniture and equipment, and land acquisition, all for the school buildings of the School Corporation (the "Project"). At the 1028 Hearing for the Project, the Board will give explanations of the potential value of the Project, including a more detailed description thereof, to the School Corporation and to the community, including the educational purposes of the Project and its estimated costs, tax impact, and funding sources, and interested parties may present testimony and questions concerning the proposed Project, including objections to and support for it.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH)SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.:85C01-2208-MF-000458
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF RONALD
LEE SCHAAF, DECEASED AKA RONALD L.
SCHAAF AND
OCCUPANT(S) OF 298 MAIN STREET,
LAKETON, IN 46943, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other
person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been
sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a
Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following
described real estate:
Lot Number Twenty-Five (25) except the South Three (3) feet thereof
in P. And E. Wertenberger's Addition Recorded on Pages 10 and 11
of Plat Book #3 in the Office of the Recorder of Wabash County,
Indiana.
And Commonly known as: **298 Main Street, Laketon, IN 46943**
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following
named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me:
Occupant(s) of 298 Main Street, Laketon, IN 46943
This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the
following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:
The Unknown Heirs at Law of Ronald Lee Schaaf, Deceased
In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this
Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest
in this lawsuit.
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same
transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney,
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COUNTY OF WABASH
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
CAUSE NO.:85C01-2209-EU-84
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GREGORY A. CLARK
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
For Publication in Newspaper
Notice is hereby given that JESSICA L. GRINSLADE on the 9th day
of September, 2022, was appointed Personal Representative of the
estate of GREGORY A. Clark, deceased, who died in September 1,
2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now
due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within
three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or
within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or
the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash County, Indiana, this 9th day of September, 2022.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
Clerk, Wabash Circuit Court
Attorney for the Estate:
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Rylee Yoakum got the Apaches on the board for the first time of the evening late in the first half.

Yoakum leads Wabash varsity girls soccer past Blackford, 3-0

Apaches will face Oak Hill in their regular season finale on Sept. 28

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

With the Blackford Bruins in town for a non-conference match-up on Thursday, Sept. 15, Wabash’s varsity girls soccer team showed little problem upending the opposition after the Apaches won their seventh game of the season with a 3-0 shutout.

The Apaches’ last contest came a week ago at Peru when Wabash defeated the Tigers in a rout, 6-1 but the week layoff for Wabash and head coach Keisha Wright proved to be just what they needed.

“We’ve gone a week with-

out playing so there’s been a lot of things that we’ve been working on really hard in practice as far as spacing, passing, looking for the seams and I think this is about as solid as we’ve looked collectively as a team,” Wright said.

“I’m really proud of their effort tonight. Their communication was great and I think that led to their success.”

Rylee Yoakum got the Apaches on the board for the first time of the evening late in the first half off of an assist from Irma Robles.

Yoakum kept her foot on the gas in the second half as well when she put in a missed shot by Robles for Wabash’s two-goal lead.

Defensively, Hannah Layne notched her third shutout of the season when she registered six saves in the win.

For Wabash, the win marked their second in a row

after their only Three Rivers Conference (TRC) loss to Manchester on Tuesday, Sept. 6. The 3-1 final in favor of the Squires marked a point in which the Apaches were able to reset for the remainder of the regular season.

“We talked about, there’s two ways you can bounce back from that,” Wright said. “You can come back better and stronger and learn from it or you can fall back and know that that probably cost us the conference.. ... I said ‘it’s up to you guys how you want the second half of the season. You still have a lot to defend, a lot to shoot for.’”

Wabash currently sits in second place in the TRC standings with a record of 4-1 while trailing behind Manchester.

Libby Mattern delivered the final blow to Blackford’s hopes of victory late in the

second half when she connected with a loose ball set up on a Wabash corner kick attempt.

The Apaches played their final conference game on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Maconaquah before rounding out the season with four non-conference foes including Oak Hill in their regular season finale on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

In those final five, Wright and the Apaches don’t plan on settling and playing as a finished product.

“I think continuing to use our field to continue to space and communicate. I think is what we need to continue to do in order to have success the remainder of the season and into sectionals,” Wright said.

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Apaches’ varsity boys soccer team coasts to shutout win over Tri-Central

They play No. 5 in Class A Carroll High School (12-2) on the road on Sept. 29

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

Wabash’s varsity boys soccer team continued their winning streak on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Tri-Central (6-7) in a non-conference showdown that found the Apaches putting on a near flawless performance in the form of a 7-0 shutout victory.

While there were a plethora of factors that led to the Apaches’ win, few stood out more to head coach Bill Benysh than the play of Troy Guenin-Hodson while crediting Wabash’s ability to share the ball and communicate as well.

“We definitely had our passing game working well for us,” Benysh said. “First half, the wind was a big factor. We were fortunate to have it at our backs. Troy was on fire today just really blazing up the sidelines and he really deserved the three goals that he got.

“The rest of the team was working real hard just trying to work on things like communication and passing and that made a real difference for us.”

Wabash (7-4-1) dominated from the beginning as Troy Guenin-Hodson kicked in the team’s first score of the game off of a pass from Kolton Wilson for the Apaches’ first score of the game in the opening two minutes of play.



Photo by Clay Maxfield / Plain Dealer

Kolton Wilson registered one assist.

Minutes later, Guenin-Hodson provided Apache fans with a feat as he drove in the second goal of the game with a corner kick that found the back of the net for a 2-0 lead.

Guenin-Hodson sits at second amongst Apache goal leaders with 10 while Jacob France leads Wabash with 16.

Goalkeeper Issac Byers notched a shutout victory in a game where he registered five saves compared to a Wabash team that controlled the ball for the vast majority of the contest.

Jacob France kept his foot on the gas in the seventh minute of the first half when

he collected an assist from Solomon France for a score. Solomon France later scored two goals of his own in the final minutes of the first half to put the Apaches up five goals to none.

Guenin-Hodson led the team with two assists while Jacob France, Solomon France and Kolton Wilson each registered one apiece.

Wabash’s shutout was their second in a row and third straight win while they play No. 5 in Class A Carroll High School (12-2) on the road on Thursday, Sept. 29.

The match-up against the Cougars will be a tune-up for a sectional field that is

loaded with competition for the Apaches, but in the interim, Benysh is pleased with how his team has improved thus far on the offensive side of the ball.

“We’ve been working really hard on finding the right ball to get past the back line of the other tea. We struggled against Eastbrook with that but the other teams we’ve faced, we did a nice job of picking apart the gaps in the defense, finding our wings with angled balls just makes all the difference for us.”

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Mickelson asks to remove name from lawsuit against PGA

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Phil Mickelson, the driving force among PGA Tour players in the rival LIV Golf series, and three other players asked a federal judge Tuesday to remove their names from the antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

Talor Gooch, Hudson Swafford and Ian Poulter filed separately to have their names removed. That leaves only three players – Bryson DeChambeau, Peter Uihlein and Matt Jones – and Saudi-funded LIV Golf as plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in early August.

The trial is not scheduled to begin until January 2024.

Mickelson’s decision was not a surprise. He had said two weeks ago to SI.com that he no longer needed to be involved in the lawsuit now that LIV Golf has joined as a plaintiff.

“The only reason for me to stay in is damages, which I don’t really want or need anything,” Mickelson said. “I do think it’s important that the players have the right to play when and where they want, when and where they qualify for. And now that LIV is a part of it, that will be accomplished if and when they win.”

LIV Golf already suffered one setback in court when U.S. District Judge Beth Labson Freeman denied a temporary restraining order that sought to allow LIV Golf players to compete in the PGA Tour’s lucrative postseason.

Mickelson has been one of the chief recruiters for LIV Golf and its leader, Greg Norman.

In an interview with Alan Shipnuck for his biography on Mickelson, the six-time major champion said he recruited three other “top players” for LIV Golf and that they paid attorneys to write the operating agreement for the proposed league.

Mickelson was among the last players announced when LIV Golf and its \$25 million purses began in early June. There now have been five events, with the next two scheduled in October in Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

LIV Golf has 12 of the top 50 in the world ranking.

Patrick Reed fell out of the top 50 this week, in part because LIV Golf does not receive world ranking points as its application with the Official World Golf Ranking board is considered, a process that could take until next summer.

“The PGA Tour for the last 20 or 30 years have had all the best players in the world. That will never be the case again,” Mickelson said two weeks ago. “LIV Golf is here to stay, and this type of divisive talk is doing nobody good.”

His hope was for LIV Golf and the PGA Tour to work together, which PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has said is unlikely to happen. The PGA Tour has suspended all members who have signed with LIV Golf for violating tour regulations.

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